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An exchange says that if there had been "a call for twenty-three earnest missionaries to go to China to preach the gospel and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, it is more than likely that not one of these preachers would have applied."

... The governments of Chile and Argentina have entered into an agreement not to increase their armaments *by even one rifle*. The parliaments of both republics have ratified this action of the State departments, and peace now seems likely to remain unbroken between the two states. This is news worth hearing. The example thus set might well be followed by all other nations. It would furnish a simple and practical solution of the armament question, in time.

... We have as yet had no particulars of the Conference of the International Law Association, which met at Glasgow on the 20th of August. The conference was presided over by the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the program included a number of important subjects connected with international relations. We shall hope to give some account of the meeting in a future number of the *ADVOCATE*.

... The *Episcopal Recorder*, commenting on the fact that two hundred rifles and twenty thousand cartridges have been sent to the Catholic missions in Mongolia, expresses satisfaction that the method of force is not to be used by the Protestant missions. We hope its satisfaction may prove to be entirely well grounded. All the missions, Catholic and Protestant alike, ought henceforth to abandon entirely the policy of the rifle and cartridge. That is one of the supreme lessons of the recent troubles.

... Dr. Crafts of the Washington Reform Bureau, after a thorough investigation, at Fort Sheridan, among officers, soldiers, ex-soldiers, railroad and street-car men, village officers and merchants, declares that the Chicago newspaper reports of pay-day drunkenness since the army canteen was abolished, are exaggerated and mendacious. The *Cleveland Leader* of August 19th gives a full and most interesting account of an address by him on the subject before the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

... Diplomatic relations between France and Turkey were severed on August 21. The action was taken by the French Ambassador, Mr. Constans, because the Sultan had broken a direct promise made to him in regard to the pledged purchase of the quays which had been constructed by a French company. It is believed in official circles that the Sultan will yield at once to the French, and that nothing serious will come of the incident.

... A very able article on the "Future of the Peace Movement," by J. Novicow, the distinguished Russian sociologist, which appeared in the Paris *Revue* (formerly *Revue des Revues*), for July, has since been published in pamphlet form. The purpose of it is to demonstrate that the peace movement is wrongly named, that it ought to be called the movement for federation, and that in order to move the multitude, a faith and zeal should be put into it bordering on fanaticism.

... The agitation against the renewal of the Triple Alliance continues in Italy. The Peace and Arbitration Society of Voghera, recently called a public meeting of delegates of various societies, — radical, social, commercial, industrial, monarchical, military, — to consider the subject. After full discussion, a resolution against renewal was carried by the votes of all the delegates except those of the Monarchical Society.

... The International Economic Association of the Friends of Peace, founded in 1865, by M. Gromier, held its thirty-fifth anniversary at Paris, on the 5th of July. Delegates from thirty-three nations were present. The association has more than twenty-five thousand adherents.

... The proposed naval station at Subig Bay, in the Philippines, which it is proposed shall contain a dock capable of accommodating the heaviest battleships, will cost at least five millions of dollars, a sum, the interest of which at four per cent. would perpetually support two hundred and fifty families with an income of eight hundred dollars annually.

... It is reported that twenty Russian torpedo boats and several dispatch boats have arrived at the Dniester delta, and that Russian troops are beginning to mobilize along the Turkish frontier. What's it all about?

... *City and State*, with remarkably fine insight, says: "The moral world surely would be strangely ordered if a nation could be cured of its own vices by making an attack on another nation. Could a man cure himself of his personal or domestic vices by an onslaught on a man in the street?"

... At the National Social and Political Conference held at Detroit, at the end of June, Maria Freeman Gray, State Superintendent of the Peace and Arbitration Department of the W. C. T. U. of California, made a strong address in which she took the ground that, from both the moral and the business standpoints, our army and navy should be decreased rather than increased.

... Benjamin F. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society, sailed from Boston on the "Commonwealth" on the 28th of August, to attend the Tenth Universal Peace Congress which meets at Glasgow on the 10th inst. He will be absent from his office about one month.

The Dream of the Conqueror.

BY J. A. EDGERTON.

The world is mine.
 So Xerxes dreamed in ages gone.
 From every land his tithes were drawn,
 A king by right divine.
 All Asia bowed unto his reign;
 But when he sought to cross the sea,
 Against the hosts of liberty
 Encountered at Thermopylæ,
 His legions were in vain.

The world is mine.
 So Alexander dreamed, and led
 His Macedonians through the East;
 And where he marched his paths were red
 With carnage and were banked with dead.

Debauched with lust and wine,
 He sat at many a gorgeous feast;
 But all his glory could not save
 From death and a dishonored grave.
 What profit were the realms he won?
 Where now is Macedon?

The world is mine.
 This was the Roman's august dream.
 O'er all the earth his armies pressed.
 He spread his empire east and west,
 From Jordan to the Rhine.
 The world's crown sat upon his brow,
 But from this altitude supreme

He tottered to his fall;
 Forgot his ancient liberty
 And rotted in his luxury.
 Where is his mighty empire now?
 A memory — that is all.

The world is mine.
 This was the cruel dream of Spain.
 A new world lay beyond the main.
 She found it, claimed it for her own,
 And conquered it; to every zone
 She spread her rule malign.
 But at the apex of her power
 God struck the hour.
 Her Armada sank in the sea.
 Since then, a prey to slow decay,
 All but her pride has dropped away.
 To-day, effete, outworn,
 She is a theme for ribaldry,
 For pity and for scorn.

The world is mine.
 So France dreamed with Napoleon.
 Beneath his star of destiny
 She onward marched to victory,
 And conquered by his sign.
 She crossed the Southern Alps and won
 The sunny lands of Italy.
 She sent all Europe in retreat,
 While monarchs knelt before her feet.
 But in the end God's message true
 Spoke unto her at Waterloo.
 Her schemes of empire swept away,
 Look! What is France to-day?

The world is mine.
 So England dreams unto this hour.
 Inebriate with pride and power,
 O'er every land her flag's unfurled.
 The boasted mistress of the world,
 She rules "o'er palm and pine."
 She sets her foot on every shore;
 She devastates all climes with war.
 From brazen mouths she preaches hate

And plays the conqueror.
 God's justice cometh soon or late.
 In spite of power, in spite of gold,
 The tyrants now, like those of old,
 Shall meet the tyrant's fate.

The world is mine.
 This is the dream of Liberty:
 The world is mine, to make men free;
 And all the lands some day shall be
 Beneath my rule benign.
 The kings shall vanish, one by one,
 Until my era has begun.
 In letters of immortal light,
 So plain that all may scan,
 This golden message I indite:
 The world belongs to Man.

Mrs. Browning's Anti-War Song.

BY MARY S. ROBINSON.

As far back as 1862, Mrs. Browning wrote the following lines against war, which England would do well to recite to herself at the present time:

. . . Yet the Heavens forbid
 That we should call on passion to confront
 The brutal with the brutal, and, amid
 This ripening world, suggest a lion's hunt
 And lion's vengeance for the wrongs men did
 And do now, though the spears are getting blunt.
 . . . Children use the fist
 Until they are of age to use the brain: . . .
 We find out slowly . . . how to fill a breach
 With olive branches, how to quench a lie
 With truth, and smite a foe upon the cheek
 With Christ's most conquering kiss. Why, these are things
 Worth a great nation's finding, to prove weak
 The "glorious arms" of military kings!
 And so, with wide embrace, my England, seek
 To stifle the bad heat and flickerings
 Of this world's false and nearly expended fire!
 . . . Announce law
 By freedom; exalt chivalry by peace;
 Instruct how clear, calm eyes can overawe,
 And how pure hands, stretched simply to release,
 A bondslave, will not need a sword to draw
 To be held dreadful. O my England, cease
 Thy purple with no alien agonies!
 No struggles toward encroachment, no vile war!
 Disband thy captains, change thy victories,
 Be henceforth prosperous as the angels are,
 Helping, not humbling.

Drums and battle cries
 Go out in music of the morning star —
 And soon we shall have thinkers in the place
 Of fighters, each found able as a man
 To strike electric influence through a race,
 Unstayed by city-wall and barbican.

Kipling's "Tommy Atkins, An Absent-Minded Beggar," is hardly a rhyme to parallel with the above noble strains; and it is difficult to believe that Mr. Chamberlain's culture has ever risen to the knowledge of "Casa Guidi Windows," or indeed to certain productions of many other poets of his country besides those of Mrs. Browning; for many of those poets have written, some of them also in the present are writing, laments over the savagery of war, and prophecies of its abolition from the practices of mankind. A few months ago Lord Rosebery deprecated